Café curtain with a valance

24 by 24 · US terms



Finished size

Curtain about 30 in (76 cm) wide, laid flat, and 23½ in (60 cm) long with the casing; valance as wide and about 7½ in (19 cm) long

To fit a window 24 in (61 cm) wide

Skill

Easy

Mesh and shells in rows

Yarn

Light (3)

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

17 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In double crochet mesh.

What you need

Yarn: any one color (white in the picture), light (3) **about 690 yd (631 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 280 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: two curtain rods, each no more than ¾ in (2 cm) thick and as long as the window needs, a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and rustproof pins, to pin a piece out: 24 by 24 about 65; 36 by 24 about 85; 48 by 24 about 100; 24 by 36 about 75; 36 by 36 about 95; 48 by 36 about 115.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
24 by 24 (this file)	**a window 24 in (61 cm) wide**	**30 in (76 cm) wide, 23½ in (60 cm) long**	**about 690 yd (631 m)**
36 by 24	a window 36 in (91 cm) wide	45½ in (115 cm) wide, 23½ in (60 cm) long	about 1,040 yd (951 m)
24 by 36	a window 24 in (61 cm) wide	30 in (76 cm) wide, 36¼ in (92 cm) long	about 870 yd (796 m)
48 by 24	a window 48 in (122 cm) wide	59½ in (151 cm) wide, 23½ in (60 cm) long	about 1,360 yd (1,244 m)
36 by 36	a window 36 in (91 cm) wide	45½ in (115 cm) wide, 36¼ in (92 cm) long	about 1,310 yd (1,198 m)
48 by 36	a window 48 in (122 cm) wide	59½ in (151 cm) wide, 36¼ in (92 cm) long	about 1,720 yd (1,573 m)

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Gauge

17 stitches and 9½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet mesh.

Begin with the valance. Lay it flat and measure in the middle of it when its 5 rows of mesh, rows 11 to 15, are done: 34 stitches, that is 17 dc and the 17 spaces beside them, are about 8 in (20 cm) wide, and the 5 rows are about 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Instructions

24 by 24. US terms.

hdc half double crochet (UK htr), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

5 dc in next st: **all five in that one stitch**. **ch-1 sp**: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

The ch 1 is not a stitch. Work in the **very first stitch**.

[ ] 62 times: 62 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.

Also: RS right side, sp space, yo yarn over.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Curtain

☐ **Start**	Make a slip knot. Ch 128.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(127 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	(127 hdc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 62 times**	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 12 to 26**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 62 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 sc, 105 dc)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(106 dc, 21 sc)
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(22 sc, 105 dc)

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☐ **Row 31**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 dc, 42 hdc, 63 sc)
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 33 to 46**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46		
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 62 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 sc, 105 dc)
☐ **Row 49**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(106 dc, 21 sc)
☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(22 sc, 105 dc)
☐ **Row 51**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 dc, 42 hdc, 63 sc)
☐ **Row 52**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 53 to 64**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64		
☐ **Row 65**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 62 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 66**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 67**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 sc, 126 dc, 21 picots)
☐	Fasten off.	

Valance

☐ **Start**	Ch 128.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(127 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in each st across	(127 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10		

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☐ **Row 11**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 62 times**	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 12 to 15** 12 13 14 15	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 62 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 sc, 105 dc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; 2 dc in same st, **[**sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in last st	(106 dc, 21 sc)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 20 times**, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in top of turning ch	(22 sc, 105 dc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 dc, 42 hdc, 63 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next st, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rows 22 to 24** 22 23 24	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1 sp), turn; sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st, **[**ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in next st**] 61 times**, ch 1, sk next ch-1 sp, dc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(64 dc, 63 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st**] 62 times**, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in 3rd ch of turning ch	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(127 sc)
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**sk next 2 sts, (3 dc, picot, 3 dc) in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 21 times**	(22 sc, 126 dc, 21 picots)
☐	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

2. Wet the curtain, lay it flat on towels with the right side up, pull the edges straight and the scallops to their points, pin it all round, with one pin in the picot of each of the 21 scallops and one about every 2 in (5 cm) along the top and both sides, and let it dry. Then do the same with the valance; the same pins serve for both, and once more for the casings.

3. Casing of the curtain: fold the 10 rows of half double crochet in half to the wrong side, so that the fold lies between rows 5 and 6 and the foundation chain lies along row 10 on the wrong side. Pin it. Cut a length of A about 92 in (234 cm) long. Hold the wrong side toward you and whip stitch the foundation chain to row 10, chain to stitch: each time pass the needle under the lower strands of a chain and under one strand, on the wrong side, of the hdc of row 10 that lies against it, just below the two loops of its top, so that no sewing is seen on the right side. From side edge

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to side edge there are 127 stitches. Fasten the length at both ends. The two short ends of the casing stay open for the rod. The casing is about 1¼ in (3 cm) deep.

4. Casing of the valance: cut another length of A about 92 in (234 cm) long and sew it in the same way, 127 stitches.

5. Put each casing on its rod and push the stitches along it until the folds are alike from end to end.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths.

In all: 2 pieces.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Notes

- Both pieces are worked from the top down, in rows. The first 10 rows are the casing and the last row is the scalloped edge.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The ch 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc, and the ch 4 as a dc and a ch-1 space. Where a row ends on such a chain, the last stitch goes into the third of its chains, counted from the row below: after a ch 3 that is its top.
- In the mesh each dc stands on a dc and each ch 1 over a space; nothing is worked into the spaces. The first row of mesh stands on single stitches, and there each ch 1 lies over a stitch. The row of sc that follows the mesh puts one sc in each dc and one in each space.
- A shell is 5 dc in one stitch. There are three rows of shells in a band. In the second and the third each sc stands in the third, middle dc of a shell, and each shell in the sc between two shells. Only the edges differ: the second row begins and ends with half a shell, 3 dc in the sc at the edge, and the third begins and ends with an sc in the dc at the edge, or in the turning chain that counts as one, so that its first and last shells stand in the sc between half a shell and a whole one. The row after the shells has dc over the sc and sc over the middles of the shells, so that the edge is straight again.
- In the name of a size the first number is the width of the window in inches, and the second is the length of the curtain to the nearest 12 in (30 cm). The curtain is about 1¼ times as wide as the window, and hangs in soft folds. A window that is right between two sizes takes the larger. The length is measured from the top of the rod to the points of the scallops.
- For another length of the curtain work more or fewer rows in its three parts of mesh, above the first band, between the two bands and below the second: the same even number more, or fewer, in each of the three. Two rows more in each part, six in all, make the curtain about 2½ in (6.5 cm) longer.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "5 dc in next st" puts all 5 stitches in that one place.
- Use cotton yarn: it hangs straight and it can be washed.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- One yarn is used throughout: a variegated, self-striping or cake yarn of the same weight and length can take its place, and its colors fall where the yarn has them.

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